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SUBJECT: VISIT OF TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER -- COMPARING NOTES ON
CENTO, RCD, THE NAM, AND MOSCOW

REF: (A) ISLAMABAD 6731 (B) ISLAMABAD 6820

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: SUMMARY: TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER OKCUN
ARRIVED IN PAKISTAN JULY 13 FROM NEW DELHI WHERE HE REPORTED HIS
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DISCUSSIONS WITH INDIAN LEADERS ON TURKEY'S POSSIBLE INTEREST IN
"GUEST" STATUS IN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. OKCUN TOLD THE PRESS
HE EXPECTS A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM INDIA ON THE APPLICATION FOR
SUCH STATUS SUBMITTED BY PAKISTAN. OKCUN SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WILL
MAKE THE DECISION ON WHETHER TO APPLY FOR "GUEST" STATUS AFTER
HIS PRESENT TRIP AND DISCUSSIONS IN ANKARA WITH NON-ALIGNED
AMBASSADORS ON HIS RETURN. THE MINISTER REPORTEDLY SAID THAT

CENTO COULD BE IN FOR A REEVALUATION IN LIGHT OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND THE GENERAL TREND TOWARD DETENTE. END SUMMARY.

2. GUNDUZ OKCUN, TURKISH MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ARRIVED IN ISLAMABAD JULY 13 ON WHAT HE TERMED A FRIENDLY VISIT TO THE "BROTHERLY PEOPLE" OF PAKISTAN. OKCUN EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD BEEN VISITING NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES IN AN EFFORT TO HELP HIS GOVERNMENT DECIDE ON A POSSIBLE APPLICATION TO THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM) FOR "GUEST" STATUS. THE VISIT TO PAKISTAN ALSO RECIPROCATED A VISIT MADE RECENTLY TO TURKEY BY (THEN) FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISOR AGHA SHAHI.

3. OKCUN RESPONDED TO NEWSMEN'S QUESTIONS AS FOLLOWS:
--CENTO AND RCD: OKCUN CHARACTERIZED RCD AS A PACT FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION TO WHICH "WE SHOULD GIVE OUR BLOOD AND FLESH." BY CONTRAST, HE SUGGESTED THERE COULD BE A REEVALUATION OF CENTO'S UTILITY IN VIEW OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND PROGRESS TOWARD DETENTE, ADDING, "I BELIEVE OUR AGE IS NOT AN AGE OF CONFRONTATION BUT ONE OF COOPERATION AND DETENTE."
--FORMER PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO: THE TURK SAID THAT BHUTTO'S TRIAL IS AN "INTERNAL AFFAIR." HOWEVER, DURING THE VISIT OF A FRIENDLY FOREIGN MINISTER, HE SAID, COUNTRIES SHOULD EXCHANGE VIEWS ON INTERNAL AS WELL AS EXTERNAL MATTERS.
--PAKISTAN AND THE NAM: THE FONMIN REPORTEDLY TOLD HIS HOSTS THAT BASED ON HIS TALKS IN DELHI, PAKISTAN'S APPLICATION FOR "GUEST" STATUS IS LIKELY TO GET A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM INDIA. HE CITED CONFIDENTIAL

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EXAMPLES OF OTHER COUNTRIES (PORTUGAL, ROMANIA) WHICH HAVE SUCH STATUS WHILE REMAINING MEMBERS OF COLLECTIVE DEFENSE ALLIANCES.

4. THE TURKISH FONMIN WAS HOSTED TO A DINNER BY CHIEF MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR, GENERAL ZIA ON THE EVENING OF JULY 13, CALLED ON THE PRESIDENT JULY 14, AND WAS SEEN OFF IN KARACHI BY AGHA SHAHI ON THE 15TH.

5. COMMENT: BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: THE TURKISH FONMIN'S VISIT CAME AT A TIME WHEN PAKISTAN'S DESPAIRING AND OFTEN PARANOID REACTION TO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTS IS REACHING NEW DEPTHS. EVENTS IN AFGHANISTAN, THE SENSE OF HAVING BEEN DESERTED BY "TRADITIONAL ALLIES," AND CONTINUING DISQUIET ABOUT INDIAN INTENTIONS HAVE SET THE STAGE IN PAKISTAN FOR A REEVALUATION OF TRADITIONAL POLICIES AND ALIGNMENTS. A TURKISH EMBOFF TOLD A FELLOW DIPLOMAT HERE AFTER THE VISIT THAT HIS FONMIN GAVE NEITHER ADVICE NOR GUIDANCE ON PAKISTAN'S CURRENT REEVALUATION; HE MERELY DISCUSSED TURKEY'S OWN VIEWS BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT TURKEY'S NATO LINK IS A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TURKEY'S AND PAKISTAN'S SECURITY POSITIONS.

6. PAKISTAN HAS EVIDENTLY BEEN ASSURED OF SOME FORM OF ACCEPTANCE

AT THE UPCOMING BELGRADE NAM FONMINS' GATHERING, AGHA SHAHI, MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TOLD AMB DURING NEWSOM VISIT THAT HE PLANS TO GO TO BELGRADE. THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS THAT SHAHI MAY VISIT MOSCOW, SEPARATELY FROM THE UPCOMING GHULAM ISHAQ MISSION.

7. AS REPORTED IN REF (A), THE GOP IS SENDING A HIGH-LEVEL MISSION LED BY FINANCE AND "SENIOR-MOST" MINISTER GHULAM ISHAQ TO MOSCOW, OSTENSIBLY FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION DISCUSSIONS, JULY 23. OKCUN'S VISIT, SO SOON AFTER HIS OWN GOVERNMENT'S OVERTURES IN MOSCOW, HAS SIGNIFICANCE IN THIS CONTEXT TOO. EXPLORATION OF CHANGED RELATIONSHIP WITH MOSCOW IS ALSO AN OPTION PAKISTAN IS CONSIDERING DURING THIS PERIOD OF FLUIDITY IN ITS RELATIONSHIPS. GHULAM ISHAQ'S VISIT -- FOLLOWED BY OR COINCIDENT WITH A VISIT BY CONFIDENTIAL

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AGHA SHAHI -- WOULD PROVIDE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY FOR PAKISTAN TO GAUGE THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF A LIMITED SHIFT IN ITS POLICIES TOWARD MOSCOW. HUMMEL

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